

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1595 - HB 1599

March 25, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates 12 assistant district attorney general positions, 6 secretarial positions, 2 victim-witness coordinator positions, and 2 criminal investigator positions beginning October 1, 2021. Requires the District Attorneys General Conference to complete a report with recommendations regarding the specific judicial districts in which such positions should be designated and file such report with the Speakers of the House or Representatives and the Senate by October 1, 2021. Upon the filing of such report, authorizes the district attorneys general to interview and employ persons to fill such positions.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – \$1,305,800/FY21-22

Exceeds \$1,606,100/FY22-23 and Subsequent Years

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation will result in the addition of 12 assistant district attorney general positions (ADA), 6 secretarial positions, 2 victim-witness coordinator positions, and 2 criminal investigator positions
- The proposed legislation requires a report for the proposed placement of the 22 positions (12 ADAs + 6 secretaries + 2 victim-witness coordinators + 2 criminal investigators) be filed by October 1, 2021. This analysis assumes the report will be filed and employees will be hired on October 1, 2021.
- Hiring individuals on October 1, 2021 will result in expenditures for approximately 75 percent of FY21-22; therefore, the estimated impact of this analysis represents 75 percent of FY21-22 and 100 percent of FY22-23 and subsequent years.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-7-201, § 8-7-226, and § 8-7-230, assistant district attorney generals receive step raises each year; therefore, this analysis estimates the impact of hiring such positions in FY21-22 and estimates the impact of any subsequent year to exceed the impact of FY21-22.
- The one-time increase in state expenditures in FY21-22 relative to the 22 additional positions is \$101,200 for office furniture and computers [(\$2,800 office furniture + \$1,800 computers) x 22].
- The total increase in state expenditures for FY21-22 is estimated to be \$1,305,775 {[((\$1,150,584 salary + \$339,516 benefits + \$47,000 travel + \$2,800 printing + \$13,800 communication + \$39,600 rentals + \$12,800 supplies) x 75%) + \$101,200]}.

- The total recurring increase in state expenditures beginning in FY22-23 is estimated to exceed \$1,606,100 (\$1,150,584 salary + 339,516 benefits + \$47,000 travel + \$2,800 printing + \$13,800 communication + \$39,600 rentals + \$12,800 supplies).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The script is cursive and fluid.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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